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## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER



"Museum is a medium of life-long education through which awareness of social, economical and political aspects of scientific, technological and environmental development could be created" - UNESCO

The Government Museum, Chennai is one of the oldest and largest multipurpose Museums, (re-established in the year 1851). It is an institution with reputation for its rich repository of South Indian Bronzes, Pudukottan and Pandalamore antiquities, particularly those of Robert Bruce Foote collection, Adichanallur Megalithic collections and Buddhist, Jain and Hindu Sculptures.

### Main Motions of the Museum

- \* Collection and Preservation of objects
- \* Scientific storage and display of objects
- \* Undertaking research activities

Large collection of the rare Zoological and Botanical Specimens add to the magnificence of the Museum and make it inclusive. The Bronze Gallery consisting of very rare collection is a major attraction for foreign tourists.

The Chennai Museum and the District Museums act as knowledge hubs for the public and the students. There are twenty district museums located in Pudukottai, Tirichy, Madurai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Salem, Erode, Ooty, Coimbatore, Karayalkulam, Tirunelveli, Krishnagiri, Thiruvannamalai, Palani, Srirangapatna, Kanchipuram, Nagapattinam, Ramnathapuram, Karaikal, and Virudhunagar. Excepting the one at Pudukottai which has been in existence from the time of erstwhile Pudukottai State, all others are of recent origin. This year (2009-11) the district museums like Karaikal and Ooty were shifted to more spacious buildings to cater to the needs of visiting public.

I am indeed happy to share that the several developmental works and educational activities have been initiated and carried out successfully during the year. It gives me immense satisfaction that the Museum news letter is being published for the year 2009-11 (April 2009 to March 2011). I am sure that it will help the scholars and the Institution to keep abreast of various activities of the Government Museum, Chennai.

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## MUSEUM : AN INTRODUCTION

The Government Museum, Chennai was established in the year 1851, with 1100 geological objects. It is the oldest and the second largest Museum in India. It is located in 16.25 acres of land in the heart of the city. This Museum has now developed into a multidisciplinary museum with various sections like Archaeology, Anthropology, Numismatics, Art, Botany, Zoology, Geology, and Children's Museum. It also includes Education, Design and Display Section and Chemical Conservation Section as supporting branches and it has 47 Galleries housed in 6 buildings. In order to preserve art, cultural and natural heritage and to impart museum education throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, 20 district museums have been established in the districts. Collection, registration, preservation of objects, display, research and publication are the major objectives of these museums.

The Government Museum, Chennai is kept opened for the visitors from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all working days except Fridays and National Holidays.

This Museum News Letter provides an overview of the activities of the Department during the period from April 2010 to March 2011.

### Facilities to the Public

- \* Dining Hall : is available with adequate water facility.
- \* Museum Publications are available for sale at the entrance of the main building.

### Museum Theatre

The Museum Theatre has an excellent seating and acoustic arrangements. This Beautiful building with a large parking space is available on moderate rent for conducting only cultural events.

### Centenary Exhibition Hall

The Centenary Exhibition Hall located at the museum premises possesses special display arrangements such as lighting, display panels,

## THE ADDRESSES OF 30 DISTRICT MUSEUMS

1	<b>Government Museum,</b> Vellare Fort Campus, Vellare - 612 004	0416 - 22160 00 govtmuseumvellare@palnet.co.in govtmuseumvellare@gmail.com
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20	Government Museum, 46/1, Link Road, VVR Hall, Virendrasagar - 636 001	04362 - 266661

## EXHIBITIONS

1. Exhibition on 'Conservation of Manuscripts' was held on 19.04.2010.
2. Exhibition on 'Care of Museum Objects' was held on 31.07.2010 to 02.08.2010.
3. 'Pen & Ink Drawing Exhibition' was held on 19.08.2010.
4. A Special Exhibition on 'Rare Manuscripts' was held from 14.02.2011 to 20.02.2011 which was inaugurated by **Dr. Dipi S. Tripathi**, Director, National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi. The exhibition indicated, in the minds of the visitors, an idea about the rich and vast manuscript wealth of India and promoted a sense of pride in taking care of them. This Exhibition made the people to understand the causes of deterioration of manuscripts, various damages caused in mishandling, negligence and vandalism etc. besides concern for the preservation of manuscripts.
5. A Special Exhibition on "Thanjavur Painting" was held on 14.10.2010 at the Government Museum, Chennai – II. Painting of Raja, Ram and Krishna were displayed at the Contemporary Exhibition Hall from 14.10.2010 to 18.10.2010. **Dr. E.S. Selvaraj**, I.A.S., Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Museums presided over the function. **Tmt. Dolly Virghese**, Committee Member, Crafts Council of India inaugurated the exhibition. Twenty two paintings were displayed in the exhibition.
6. 'Herbal Exhibition' in collaboration with Tirunelveli District Museum and Siddha Medical College Palayamkottai was held from 14.09.2010 to 16.09.2010 at the Government Museum, Tirunelveli.
7. Exhibition on "Wildlife Crimes" was held from 01.03.2011 to 06.03.2011.
8. A Special exhibition on "The Roman Coin and Other Roman Antiquities found in South India" was held between 19.01.2011 to 02.02.2011. **Thiru. S.S. Jawahar**, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Tourism and Culture Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, **Dr. Angela Trezza**, Director, Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, New Delhi have inaugurated the exhibition.
9. 29.4.2010 – A week long Exhibition on "Conservation of Manuscripts" was organized at the SCSTM University, Kanchipuram which was inaugurated by the Registrar of that University.



## LECTURES

1. A Special lecture on '**Biodiversity Conservation**' was held on 1.08.2010 and the lecture was delivered by **Dr.K.Venkatraman**, Additional Director, Zoological Survey of India
2. A Lecture on '**Wonder that is the Snake**' by **Thiru. B.Vijayaraghavan, I.A.S., (Ret.)** Chairman, Snake Park, was held on 15.12.2010
3. A Lecture on '**Fascinating World of Plants**' by **Ms. Pauline Debara**, Assistant Professor, Women's Christian College, Chennai was held on 19.11.2010
4. A Lecture on '**Ground Reality of Lemuria and Kausari Kandam**' by **Thiru. M.S. Balasubramani**, Ocean Research consultant was held on 15.11.2010
5. IWA Endowment lecture on '**Art heritage of the Chalukyas and their contribution to Art and Architecture**' by **Dr. Chitra Madhavan**, Senior Research Fellow ICIR was held on 16.09.2010
6. Tourist Endowment lecture on '**Romantic Finds in South India**' by **Dr. S.Suresh**, Tamilnada State consultant, INTACH was held on 29.12.2010
7. A Special lecture on '**Life Through the Ages**' by **Dr.M.Suresh Gandhi**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Madras was held on 29.09.2010



## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. On 05.08.2009-**International Museum Day** was celebrated, it was inaugurated by **Dr.T.S.Sridhar, I.A.S.,** Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Museums. Nearly 60 students participated in the **"Know Your Museum Programme"** held for 5 days from 18.05.2009 to 23.05.2010.
2. On 07.10.2010 The Museum Activity Centre was inaugurated by **Dr.T.S.Sridhar, I.A.S.,** Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Museums, nearly 100 students attended the film show arranged at the inaugural function.
3. On 22.10.2010 and 29.10.2010 Drawing competition was conducted to the students from Chennai Schools and nearly 657 students studying from L.K.G to XII Std took part in the Competition.
4. An Descriptive competition was arranged to 287 students from various schools of Chennai. This competition was particularly conducted to the students studying VI to XII Standards.
5. On 14.11.2010, Children's Day was celebrated **Dr.T.S.Sridhar, I.A.S.,** Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Museums presided over the function. **Mrs. Harini Sridhar, M.Sc.,** distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners.
6. On 29.12.2010, Tourism Endowment Lecture was arranged. **Dr. S.Suresh,** Tamil Nadu State Convener, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) delivered the Lecture on **"Roman Coin Finds in South India: An Interpretation from the View Point of Roman Numismatics and Economy."**
7. On 27.01.2011 and 28.01.2011 A Workshop on **"Fabricating Artifacts of Bamboo"** was organized to the school children to get the training. Art and Architecture Research Development Education Foundation Chennai, **Mr. Xavier Benedict,** Trainer, **Mr. S.Sundar Mohan,** Artist (IT Bombay), **Mr.A.Prabhakar,** Member, Artist (Bamboo craft), **Mr.T.Suresh,** Master Artist, (Bamboo craft) gave the training to the member of Heritage Club of Presidency Girls Higher secondary school, Egmore.
8. On 18.12.2010 to 18.01.2011 **An 'Internship Training'** was conducted to the Final year B.A., History students of Loyola College, Chennai.
9. On 18.01.2011, **Thiru. S.S. JAWAHAR I.A.S.,** Secretary to Government, Tourism and culture Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu has given Presidential address on the occasion of the special Exhibition on **"The Roman Coin and other Antiquities found in South India"**

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the year 2010-2011, the following activities were conducted in the Government Museum, Chennai

- 1 In connection with the 'International Museum Day', A special programme called "Know your Museum" was conducted from 18<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to expose the resources of the Museum to the school children
- 2 The 36 Refresher Course on 'Care of Museum Objects' with special reference to Manuscripts was conducted in collaboration with the National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010



- 3 A Lecture on "Biodiversity Conservation" was delivered by Dr.K. Venkataratnam, Additional Director, Zoological Survey of India, Chennai on 11-08-2010



- 4 From the conservation angle, the Government Museum, Chennai and the World Wide Fund for Nature (India) have initiated to study the biodiversity of plant and animal life in the Museum Campus.

5. A week long Special Exhibition on "Cultural Roots of Madras" was conducted from 19.08.2010 to 23.08.2010 to celebrate the Madras Day



6. International Women's Association (IWA ) Endowment Lecture on the 'Art Heritage of the Chokkians and Their Contribution to Art and Architecture' was delivered on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010, at the Government Museum, Chennai



7. The "Museum Activity Centre" was formally opened to the public on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and educational activities like film shows are arranged for school children.



8. Special Exhibition on "Thanjavur Paintings" was conducted between 14.10.2010 and 18.10.2010 in the Government Museum, Chennai. **Prof. Dully Varughese**, Committee Member, Crafts Council of India has inaugurated the Special Exhibition.



9. In connection with the "Christina's Day Celebrations", Painting and Oratorical Contests were organized to the school students. Chennai on 14.11.2010. Prize and participant certificates were distributed by **Prof. Harini Sridhar**, Education Officer.



10. "The World Heritage Week" was celebrated in the Government Museum, Chennai between 19.11.2010 and 29.11.2010. In this connection, a special lecture was organized on "The Possibilities of Surface Ground Reutilization: Lennoria and Kumarikaadam".

11. A lecture on "The Wonder that is the Snake" was organized in the Government Museum, Chennai on 15.12.2010. The lecture was delivered by **Thiru. R.Vijayaraghavan**, IAS (Retd) Chairman, Snake Park Trust, Chennai.



12. A training programme on "Preservation of Plants and Plant Modeling Technique" was organized for the students of Tirunelveli Agricultural University between 03.12.2010 and 05.12.2010 at Coimbatore.



13. On 29.02.2010 at the Government Museum, Chennai, Dr. Suresh delivered the Tourism endowment Lecture on "Roman coin Finds in South India: An Interpretation from the view Point of Roman 'Numismatics and Economy.'"



14. The Government Museum, Chennai in association With the Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, New Delhi and Indo-Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chennai jointly organized a Special Exhibition on "The Roman Coins and other Antiquities found in South India" between 18.01.2011 and 02.02.2011. Dr. Angela Terzo, Director Italian Embassy Culture Centre, New Delhi and Thiru. S.S.Jayakumar, IAS, Secretary to Government, Tourism and Culture Department, Govt. of Tirunelveli have inaugurated the Special Exhibition.



15. A workshop on "Fabricating Artifacts of Bone" was jointly organized by the Government Museum, Chennai and AARDE Foundation between 27.01.2011 and 29.01.2011 for the benefit of School Students. The training was given by Thibault Xavier Francis.



16. The Refurbished Economic Geology Gallery of the Government Museum, Chennai was inaugurated by Sri. A. Sundaramoorthy, Director General, Geological Survey of India, Kolkata on 07.02.2011.
17. The Inauguration of the Refurbished Coral and other Invertebrates Gallery of the Government Museum, Chennai was held on 01.03.2011. The Gallery was opened by Dr. K. Venkatesan, Additional Director, Zoological Survey of India, Chennai.



18. An Exhibition on "Wildlife Crimes" was conducted in the Centenary Exhibition Hall from 01.03.2011 to 06.03.2011.

## GALLERY TALKS

A lecture on Copper plates was delivered to the PG students of Darasangam, Sivaganga College, on 06.04.2011 by **Thiru.R. Balasubramanian**, Curator, Archaeology Section.

### LECTURES DELIVERED

1. **Thiru.J.R. Ankan**, Curator, Zoology section, delivered lecture on 29.04.2010 and on 9.06.2010, on 'Zoological Galleries' on 'Preservation of Animals' to the II year students of the Madras Veterinary College in the Centenary Exhibition Hall of the Government Museum, Chennai.
2. Lecture on 'Snakes', 'Zoological collections' and on 'Corals' were delivered to the participants of the Museum Day Celebrations (18.05.2010).
3. Lecture on 'Preservation of Animals' was delivered to the II M Sc., Zoology students of the Queen Mary's College in the Centenary Exhibition hall of the Government Museum, Chennai.
4. The following lectures were delivered to the III B Sc., Zoology students of the Mannar Darasangam Government Art College, Sivaganga on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

#### a. Preservation of Animals

#### b. Marine Turtles

#### c. Corals

#### d. Interesting Molluscs

#### e. Snakes.

5. Gallery talk was delivered to the students of RMD Matriculation School, Chennai on 11.10.2010 in the Zoology Galleries.
6. Talk on 'Preservation of Animals and on Zoological Specimens' was delivered to the 1<sup>st</sup> year Zoology students of the Women's Christian College.
7. Talk on 'Preservation of Animals and on Documentation' was delivered in the National level Training cum Workshop on 'Recent Trends in Animal Taxonomy and Systematics'-conducted by the Loyola College, Chennai (26.02.2011).
8. 09.04.2010, Power point presentation on "Conservation of Metal Cultural Heritage with special reference to copper and bronze in Government Museums, Chennai" was held at the Metallurgy Department of IIT Guindy, Chennai by **Dr.T.S.Sridhar**, I.A.S., Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Museums and **Thiru.R.Balasubramanian**, Curator for Archaeology.

## WORKSHOPS

The Government Museum, Chennai organised a workshop on "Clay moulding and Casting" in connection with the World Heritage Week on November 2010, at the Centenary Exhibition Hall. Dr.T.S. Sridhar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary& Commissioner of Museums inaugurated the workshop

29-4-2010 and 30-4-2010 - 2 days Workshop and Exhibition on "Preventive Conservation of Manuscripts" was organized by GM-MCC at Sri Chandra Sekarendra Saraswathi Vigneshwara Valluvalaya, Enathur, Kanchipuram for students of the University and Siddha doctors from Vellore, Kanchipuram, Arcot, Thiruvannamalai and Chennai

4-02-2011 to 28-02-2011-Conducted National Level Workshop on Current Conservation of Paper and Palm-leaf Manuscripts for 15 days at CCRL on behalf of the National Museum for Manuscripts, New Delhi. The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Bipati S. Tripathi, Director, NMM. There were 11 participants and 3 observers from different parts of India



9. Mrs. J.M.Gandhinathy, Curator, Chemical Conservation Section, delivered lecture on 06/05/2010 "Conservation of Karkata" at the Three days workshop-on Karkata was organized by the Karnataka State Archives at Bangalore.
10. 06.08.2010 delivered lecture on "Conservation and Preservation of Heritage" at Elumbaraswara Temple, Kanchipuram which was organized by the Department of Tourism.
11. 23.09.2010 delivered lecture on "Inks and other writing Materials" and "Storage and Handling of Manuscripts" in the 3 days workshop on "Preventive Conservation of Manuscripts" organized at Oriental Manuscripts Library, Vankarswara University, Tirupathi on behalf of NMM.
12. 24.11.2010 delivered Lecture on "Heritage Conservation – Awareness Creation" in connection with World Heritage Week Celebrations. was delivered.
13. 01.12.2010 to 07.12.2010 – Conducted practical classes with lectures on "Curative Conservation of Paper and Palm-leaf manuscripts" at INTACH, Orissa State Museum, Bhubaneswar.
14. Mrs. M.N.Padiga, Curator, Botany Section delivered a special Lecture on the 'Indigenous Drugs in the Collection of Botany Section of Government Museum, Chennai' to the students of Siddha Medical College, Palayamkottai on 14.09.2010.

## **SEMINARS**

1. **Mrs. M.H. Pushpa**, Curator, Botany Section has participated in the Annual conference of **MAI** at RMNH Bhubaneswar from 15.01.2011 to 18.01.2011.
2. **Mrs. ThulasiBrindha**, Curator, Geology Section has participated in the Annual Conference of **MAI** at RMNH Bhubaneswar from 15.01.2011 to 18.01.2011.
3. **Thiru. R. Balasubramanian**, Curator, Archaeology Section has participated and presented a paper on **"Making of the Museum"** and **"Art of south India"** on 15.02.2011 and 16.02.2011 at the Central University, Pondichery
4. **Mrs. J.M. Gandhimathi**, Curator, Chemical Conservation Section Participated and presented a paper titled **"Raman spectroscopy-Analysis of Contemporary Paintings of the Government Museum, Chennai"** at IASO Conference held at Calcutta, organised by The Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata on 03.02.2011

## **VISITS OF THE VIPS**

1. **Mr.Chew Ming Weeg**, Deputy High Commissioner for Singapore visited the Bronze Gallery on 26.07.2010
2. **Thiru.Ramaswamy, I.P.S.**, Post Master-General, Chennai City Region visited the Bronze Gallery.
3. Team of Thailand poets led by **Thiru.Yasi** accompanied by the retired Chief Justice **Thiru.S. Nishan** in the Galleries on 2nd May 2010

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

1. Catalogue of Metal ware objects in the Government Museum, Chennai – by Thiru. R. Balasubramanian, Curator Archaeology section.
2. A Catalogue of Copper plate Grants – by Thiru. R. Balasubramanian, Curator Archaeology section
3. Guide to Refurbished Amarasiri Gallery – by Thiru. R. Balasubramanian, Curator Archaeology section.
4. IWA Endowment Lecture Bulletin "The Heritage of Chelukya's and their contribution to Art and Architecture" Dr. Chitra Madhavan.
5. Tourist Endowment Lecture Bulletin by Dr. S. Suresh, Tamil Nadu State Committee (INTACH)
6. News letter (2009 – 2010) by Dr. D. Maheswara, Curator, Anthropology, Section & Thiru. G. Kaladity, Curator, Education Section.
7. Catalogue of Rare Manuscripts by Mrs. J.M. Gaudhinasethi, Curator, Chemical Conservation Section.
8. Extract from the Manual on Curative Conservation of Manuscripts by Mrs. J.M. Gaudhinasethi, Curator, Chemical Conservation Section.
9. Roman Coins in the Government Museum, Chennai, with a Detailed Catalogue of the Denarii Hoard from Budhinatham, (Tamil Nadu)" by Dr. T.S. Sridhar., L.A.S., et al.,

## NEW ACQUISITIONS

1. Archaeology Section of the Government Museum, Chennai has collected 13 Bronzes and a Copper Plate grant of Rajaraja I as treasure-trove finds from Kadhakannamattam village of Tirandahar, Mayiladuthurai Taluk, Nagapattinam District.
2. 23 Geological objects were received from the Marine Geology to Geology Section in January 2011
3. Art Section, Government Museum, Chennai received 3D Perpetex model of FBTR as a gift from Indian Gandhi Atomic Research Centre, Kalpakkam on 13-10-2010.
4. Numismatic Section, Government Museum, Chennai, received 335 (Silver) Punch - Marked coins as Treasure - Trove finds from Nuvulu Village, Hosur Taluk, Dharmapuri District.
5. Numismatic Section, Government Museum, Chennai, received 18 (Gold) South-Indian Panam Coins as Treasure - Trove finds from Innasalur Village, Hosur Taluk, Dharmapuri District, in March 2010.
6. Numismatic Section, Government Museum, Chennai received 13 (Silver) Indo-British Coins as Treasure-Trove finds from Thampudi Village, Hosur Taluk, Dharmapuri District in March 2010
7. Numismatic Section, Government Museum, Chennai received 131 (Gold) South-Indian Panam Coins were received as Treasure - Trove finds from Kalidapatta, Erumabhili Village, Pattukkottai Taluk, Dharmapuri District on 14-07-2010
8. Numismatic Section, Government Museum, Chennai received 38 (Gold) South-Indian Panam Coins were received as Treasure - Trove finds from Karadichchipathi Village, Derakurkotta Taluk, Krishnagiri District on 06-12-2010

## TRAININGS

1. A demo on 'Preservation of Animals' was given to the 2nd year students of the Madras Veterinary College on 19.04.2010 and on 09.06.2010.
2. Taxonomy training was given by Thiru Balaraman, to the Technical staff of the Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati from 01.10.2010 to 30.10.2010
4. Preservation of Animals training was given to the III B Sc., Zoology students of the Manner Duraisangam Government Arts College, Srirangapatna. (20.09.2010 to 24.09.2010)
5. A demo on "Preservation of Animals" was given to the participants of the National Level Training Course Workshop on 'Recent Trends in Animal Taxonomy and Systematics' in the Centenary Exhibition Hall of the Government Museum, Chennai on 26.02.2011
6. 1.7.2010 to 30.7.2010 - 36<sup>th</sup> Refresher course on Care of Museum Objects with special reference to manuscripts was conducted at the CCRL.



## INTERNSHIP TRAININGS

Mr. Chenna Raja, B.F.A., Final Year student from the Government college of Fine Arts has undergone Internship Training on 'Arts Conservation' at the CCRL from November 2010 to January 2011.

2 III B.A. History students from the Women's Christian College, Chennai, have undergone Internship Training in two batches during December 2010 to January 2011.

15 Students of Loyola College have undergone Thirty days Internship Training on Museology between 18<sup>th</sup> December and 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 in all the Sections of Government Museum, Chennai.

## CONSULTANCY AND CONSERVATION SERVICES

Prepared a report on Conservation of 100 Portrait Paintings at the Madras High Court.

10 stone sculptures, 2 bronzes and 2 oil paintings were conserved at the office of Governor's residence (Rajbhawan) at Guindy between October 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### Committees

As Member of the Academic Council of Meenakshi College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai, suggestion for improving student intake in the Department of History and syllabus revision with introduction of new papers on museology and conservation were given by the Curator.

### Portrait Conservation Committee of the Madras High Court

Based on the inspection report given by the C.C.L.S on 3.8.2010, regarding conservation of 100 portrait paintings Jaychandran on 21.1.2011 and 3.3.2011 Means and methods of fundraising and execution of conservation works were discussed. Participated in the meetings along with Dr.T.S.Sridhar I.A.S., Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Museums.

04.3.2011 – Participated in the State Level Screening Committee at the Tamil Nadu State Archives for allocating funds given by the National Archives to various institutions for conservation of books and manuscripts.

## MUSEUM DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES



A view of The Re-organized Blade Sculpture Gallery



A view of The Re-organized Jule Sculpture Gallery



A view of The Refurbished Amarnathi Gallery

## ON GOING PROJECTS



A View of the Heritage Compound Wall



A View of the Sculpture Garden



A View of the Generator

- ✦ The Refurbished Economic Geology Gallery was inaugurated on 07/02/2011 by Sri Sundaramoorthy, Director General, GSI (Kolkata) in the presence of Dr.T.S.Sridhar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Museum and Mr.Mathu, Director, GSI/Chennai
- ✦ The Total Funds sanctioned for the year 2010 - 2011 is Rs.12,13,61,000 -and the total expenditures incurred is Rs 1,05,07,860/-

## VISITOR'S LIST FROM 4/2010 TO 3/2011

District Museums		No. of Visitors
1.	Puduchotai	21922
2.	Tirichy	6542
3.	Madurai	20778
4.	Cuddalore	1076
5.	Vellore	35015
6.	Salem	1546
7.	Erode	1682
8.	Ooty	112
9.	Coimbatore	13375
10.	Kanniyakumari	2970
11.	Tiruchelvai	10028
12.	Krishnagiri	1293
13.	Thiruvannur	4610
14.	Palani	797
15.	Sivagangai	2233
16.	Kanchipuram	484
17.	Nagapattinam	500
18.	Ramanathapuram	141
19.	Karur	142
20.	Virudhunagar	369

## **INFORMATION FOR THE VISITORS**

### **VISITORS DURING APRIL 2016 TO MARCH 2017 CHENNAI**

Adults	1	240450/-
Children	-	34356/-
Students		58287/-
Non-Indian Adults		13045/-
Non-Indian Children	-	156/-
Non-Indian Students	-	949/-
No. of Campus Entry		1514/-
Total Collection		75,29,898/-

### **TICKETS**

Adults	Rs	15/-
Children	Rs	10/-
Students	- Rs	05/-
Non-Indian Adults	Rs	250/-
Non-Indian Children	Rs	125/-
Non-Indian Students	- Rs	75/-
No. of Campus Entry	- Rs	02/-
Camera	Rs	200/-
Video	Rs	500/-

## MUSEUM LOCATION AND PARKING

Museum is located in Egmore, the heart of Chennai city, in a sprawling ground of 16-14 acres

The other landmarks are the Government Hospital for Women at the left and the Co-optex - Handloom showroom on the right

Ample parking space is available inside the campus

## TRANSPORT

✦ 1 km from the Egmore Railway Station ✦ 4 km from the Central Railway Station ✦ 18 km from the Indira Gandhi International Airport ✦ 10 km from Chennai Harbor 12 km from the Central Bus Stand of Koyambedu, and well connected by the State Transport buses, Call Taxis and Auto-rickshaws

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## COURSES CONDUCTED TO STUDENTS & SCHOLARS AT THE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM, CHENNAI

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tinsidermy Course      | One month and two months |
| 2. Care of Museum Objects | One month                |

